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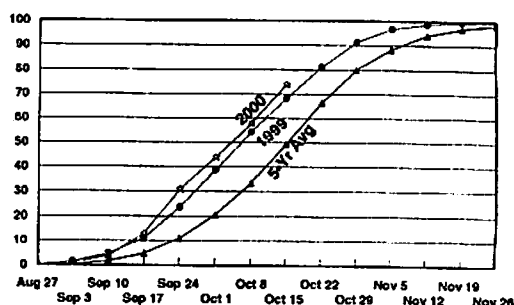
Agricultural Summary

Dry weather last week provided 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork statewide and allowed farmers to make good harvest progress. Soybean harvest advanced 22 percent for the week and stood at 75 percent complete. Harvest was slower in areas where beans were laying down. Combines in these downed areas either ran one way while harvesting the field or simply ran very slow while trying to pick up the crop. Soybean harvest progress was fairly even across the state for the week ending October 15 but corn harvest was heaviest in the northern two districts as the corn crop there finally dried down enough. Corn harvest advanced 16 percent statewide last week to a total of 74 percent complete. Wheat seeding made great progress late last week as soils dried out enough to allow the drills to enter the fields. Forty-five percent of the wheat crop has been seeded compared to 57 percent last year and the average of 52 percent. Other activities last week included primary tillage, spreading fertilizer and "massive LDP activity" at the FSA offices.

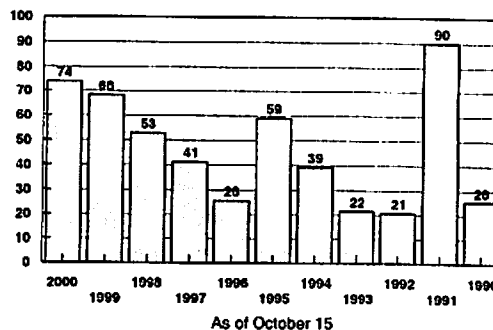
Crop Progress Table

Crop Stage	: 2000	: 1999	: 5-Year Average
CORN:			
Harvested	74	68	49
SOYBEANS:			
Shedding leaves	99	99	97
Harvested	75	68	67
SORGHUM:			
Mature	99	97	84
Harvested	63	64	33
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	45	57	52
Emerged	6	15	15

**Corn - Percent Harvested
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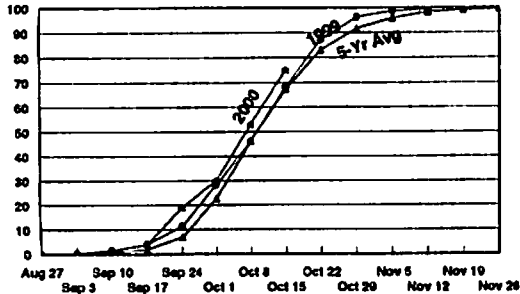
**Corn - Percent Harvested
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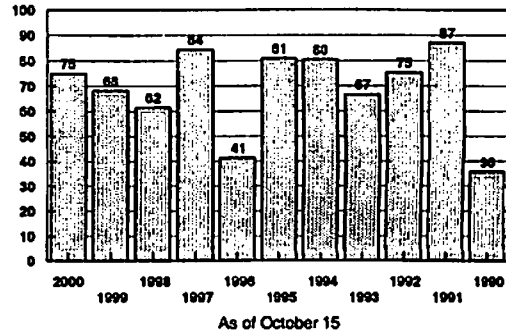
Crop Condition Table

Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
October 13					
Pasture	3	8	30	48	11

Soybeans - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Crop Progress by Districts Table

District	: Corn Harvested	: Soybeans Harvested
October 15		
Northwest	48	78
Northeast	50	82
West	79	59
Central	91	81
East	90	87
W Southwest	82	70
E Southeast	66	73
Southwest	86	69
Southeast	87	66

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	: Days Suitable for Fieldwork	: Very Short	: Topsoil Moisture Short	: Adequate	: Surplus
October 7 - 13			October 13		
Northwest	6.3	0	12	86	2
Northeast	6.7	0	37	63	0
West	5.8	5	26	69	0
Central	6.2	1	15	82	2
East	6.3	7	18	66	9
W Southwest	5.3	1	5	50	44
E Southeast	5.8	0	0	74	26
Southwest	6.5	2	21	76	1
Southeast	6.5	13	11	67	9
State	6.1	3	16	70	11

Weather Information Table

Location	Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation
October 9 - 15				
Northwest:				
Freeport	77	27	0	0.00
Kewanee	78	31	0	0.13
Moline	79	26	0	0.01
Mount Carroll	78	23	1	0.00
Paw Paw	72	23	-3	0.00
Rochelle	78	25	-3	0.00
Rockford	78	26	0	0.00
Northeast:				
Aurora	78	23	-2	0.01
Chicago	78	30	2	0.00
De Kalb	77	27	-2	0.00
Lake Villa	76	29	1	0.00
McHenry	77	27	0	0.00
Morris	79	27	0	0.07
Ottawa	81	28	-2	0.04
Park Forest	78	30	-3	0.19
West:				
Bentley	78	28	-2	0.55
Galesburg	78	27	2	0.00
Quincy	79	28	1	0.81
Central:				
Bloomington	81	28	-4	0.29
Decatur	78	28	-5	0.42
Lincoln	81	26	-4	0.45
Peoria	79	29	-1	0.29
East:				
Champaign	79	24	-3	0.45
Pontiac	78	28	-3	0.21
West Southwest:				
Carlinville	80	28	-5	0.50
Morrisonville	77	28	-5	0.20
Springfield	80	25	-2	0.77
East Southeast:				
Brownstown	80	28	-5	0.08
Flora	81	28	-3	0.03
Hutsonville	78	27	-7	0.13
Iuka	82	25	-5	0.00
Lawrenceville	80	28	-7	0.08
Newton	78	29	-6	0.03
Paris	78	27	-5	0.15
Windsor	78	28	-5	0.33
Southwest:				
Carbondale	81	25	-5	0.00
Lebanon	81	30	-6	0.10
Olive Branch	82	29	-8	0.00
Southeast:				
Mt Vernon	80	26	-7	0.00

Data is for the weekly period that ends on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
Departure is from the overall average for the week during the 1961-90 period.

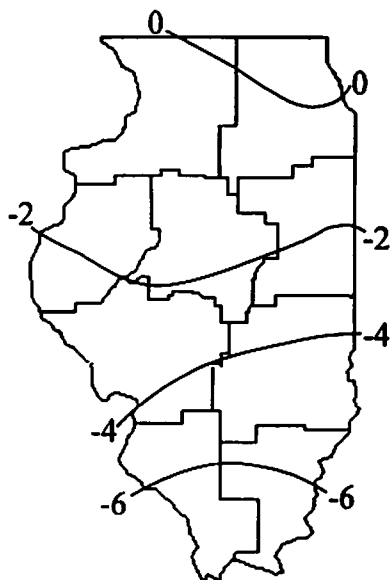
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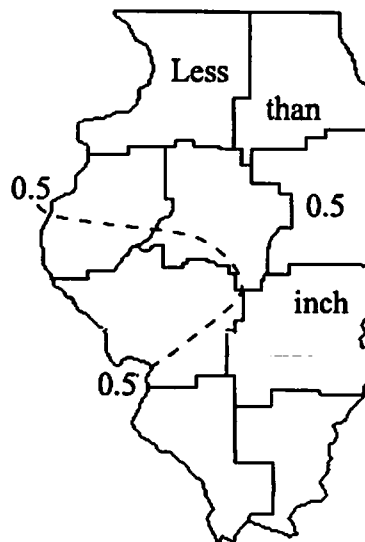
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Temperature (°F) Departure
October 9 - 15



Precipitation (in.) Total
October 9 - 15

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